SKELTON AND BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

for the Year 1962

of the Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1962, the contents and arrangements of which are in accordance with Circular 1/54 of the Ministry of Health.

The most noticeable feature of the year was the outbreak of Smallpox in other parts of the country during the early months. Although this area was not directly affected there was a big demand for vaccination.

I would like at the outset to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss D. E. Fox, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1963.

TABLE 1

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area.

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Miss J. A. F. Bauld	Health Visitor/School Nurse (resigned 30/6/62)
Mrs. M. E. Horsey	District Nurse/Midwife (commenced duty 1/7/62)
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. G. E. Delap	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 25/8/62)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk/Typist

Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1962 is 13,270, as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1961 of 13,200.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres 15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books 4,284
3. Rateable Value £90,759
4. Sum represented by a penny rate £359

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	133	114	247
Legitimate	125	109	234
Illegitimate	8	5	13
Still Births	8	3	11
Legitimate	8	3	11
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Male	Female
Total	3	2
Legitimate	3	2
Illegitimate	—	—

The number of births registered being 247 gives a corrected birth-rate of 18.9 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 18.0 for England and Wales. 5 infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 20.2 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 21.6.

TABLE 3 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	3	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	6
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	1	—
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	13	12
Coronary Disease, Angina	27	15
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—
Other Heart Diseases	8	14
Other Circulatory Diseases	—	1
Influenza	2	—
Pneumonia	2	6
Bronchitis	4	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	7	6
Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
All other accidents	2	1
Suicide	2	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
ALL CAUSES	85	72

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 157 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.8 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.9 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1962
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5—	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Un-known
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	7	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningo-coccal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

Five new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1962.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

Immunisation against Diphtheria	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	Total
Completed	105	29	8	142
Reinforcing	—	3	36	39

Immunisation against Whooping Cough	0 to 4	5 to 14	Total
	140	4	144

Vaccination (Smallpox)	Primary	Re-Vaccination
	797	228

Poliomyelitis Vaccination	Primary	Reinforcing
	347	494

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Voluntary Care Committee

I would like to record the work done by this Body for the welfare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis and other illnesses. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Honorary Secretary, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

No procedure has been taken during the year.

SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
COUNCIL OFFICES,
SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fifth Annual Report to the Council for the year 1962.

Some progress was made on slum clearance during the year. Twenty-nine houses in Lingdale were scheduled in Clearance Areas, and a further twelve houses were dealt with by Demolition and Closing Orders.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, and to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

Certain information in the report relating to Council housing, sewerage and improvement grants has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:—

TABLE 6

		No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses	....	1316
Conversions	....	283
Slaughterhouses	....	1368
Factories	....	5
Food Premises	....	29
Water Supplies	....	94
Drainage and Sewerage		90
Pests	....	23
Infectious Diseases	....	15
Miscellaneous	....	217
TOTAL	....	3440

A considerable amount of time was spent on the inspection of houses and the preparation of details for two Clearance Areas in Lingdale.

Daily routine work on meat inspection again showed a substantial increase and 1,368 visits were necessary as compared with 937 in the previous year.

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of Charltons and some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside		4273
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	....	—
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	....	20

4 samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area			No. of Samples	Result	
				Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Boosbeck	....	....	1	1	—
Brotton	....	....	2	2	—
Margrove Park	....	....	1	1	—

All the houses in Charltons were connected to the mains of the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board during the year. Only a few outlying houses and farms in the district now obtain water supplies from private sources.

New mains were laid in Woods Yard, Skelton and for new housing development on the Council Estate, Lingdale, Marske Lane Estate, Skelton, Back Lane Estate, Skelton, Leyland Bridge Estate, North Skelton and Coach Road Estate, Brotton.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

With the exception of outlying houses and farms and the village of Moorsholm, the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. Sewage disposal works owned by the Council receive the sewage from the village of Moorsholm. These works are inadequate and a scheme to provide a new sewage disposal works is under active consideration.

Some lengths of sewer damaged by mining subsidence need re-laying. Sewers laid during 1962 were:—

New sewers laid	6 in. — 75 yards

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

There were 12 pan closets remaining in the built-up area of the district at the end of the year. Conversions of several of these were in builder's hands, a few are awaiting Improvement Grants and the remaining two or three are in vacant property which owners have undertaken to either improve or demolish.

TABLE 9

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	33
Number of conversions carried out by Council	24
Number of conversions carried out in connection with Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	14
Number of pan closets remaining	12

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district. Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 2896 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1963, the cost of the service was estimated at £7,830.

Other details relating to this service were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	15,648
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	3,344
Approximate weight of refuse	6,688
Trade refuse collected—Loads	3
Bins	2,278

FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced	14	4	—	—
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	25	1	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	13	—	—	—
TOTALS	52	5	—	—

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	1	0	0	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	0	1

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.

Under this Act local authorities have the duty of requiring, in certain circumstances, the provision of sanitary conveniences on farms where workers are employed, and ensuring that conveniences are kept clean.

There are 90 farms in the district but most of these are small. A number of visits were paid to some of the larger farms but no action in accordance with the provisions of the above Act was called for.

HOUSING

Many housing complaints were received during the year. This is not surprising since a large number of the terrace houses in the area were built between 80 and 100 years ago and the standard of maintenance in many cases has not been good. Because of deteriorating fabric and the poor lay-out of some of these properties the proper repair and improvement of such houses is not worthwhile. In such cases notices are served requiring essential repairs in an attempt to patch them up for a few more years. We have found the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1961, very helpful in these cases.

Twenty-nine houses were included in Clearance Areas during the year. One Clearance Order was confirmed in respect of three houses in Tyreman Street, and another Order concerning 23 houses in North Terrace, Lingdale, was awaiting confirmation at the end of the year.

TABLE 12

Housing Appendix—Statistics

1. *Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year*

1.	(*a*) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	949
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1072
2.	(*a*) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	0
	(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	0
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	44
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	119

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	65

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	0
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	1

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	32
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(*a*) By Owners	16
(*b*) By Local Authority in default of Owners	7

C. Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	5
(3) Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing orders	5
(4) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	2

D. Clearance Areas

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas	26
(2) Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders	3
(3) Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished	0
(4) Number of persons displaced	7
(5) Number of families displaced	3

4. *Housing Act*, 1957, *Part* 4, *Overcrowding*

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not known
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	1

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	33
Number of Improvement Grants refused	—
Number of Standard Grants made	20

Rent Act, 1957

24 visits were made to houses in connection with the Rent Act, 1957, and many enquiries were dealt with at the office.

TABLE 13

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	5
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	2
Number of Undertakings Accepted	2
Number of Applications for Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	—
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects issued	—
Number of Applications for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	1
Number of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled	1
Number of Refusals to cancel Certificates of Disrepair	—

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	70
Number of private houses erected during year	26

Council Housing

The Council own 633 houses and 5 shops as follows:—

		Houses	Shops
Skelton	....	215	—
Brotton	....	270	5
Boosbeck	....	108	—
Lingdale	....	40	—
Total	....	633	5

Re-housing

No. of families re-housed during year	80
No. of housing applicants as at 31st December, 1962	252

Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required	Number of applicants
Bungalows	101
Houses—	
Skelton	79
Lingdale	10
Boosbeck	6
Brotton	19
Hollybush	3
More than one estate	34
	252

FOOD

General

There are 147 food premises in the area, and 83 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows:—

Public Houses	20
Off-Licence Premises	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes)	10
Fish and Chip Shops	15
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	87
Bakehouses	5
Ice Cream Retailers	57
Butchers	14
Greengrocers	1
Cafes and Canteens	2

14 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council is responsible for milk registrations as shown in Table 14, and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 14

Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Samples of "Pasteurised" milks taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are now four private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. Two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area showed another large increase—12,975 as compared with 9,345 in 1961 and 5,904 in 1960. One thousand three hundred and sixty-eight visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday and evening visits. In addition, ten visits were made to slaughterhouses outside the area under an arrangement with Saltburn and Marske U.D.C. regarding relief meat inspection work.

There are 14 Licensed slaughtermen in the district.

TABLE 16

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1975	443	42	8359	2156	—
Number inspected	1975	443	42	8359	2156	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	2	1	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	79	17	—	14	19	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.1%	4.06%	2.38%	.16%	.88%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	30	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.39%	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	2	1	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	11	2	1	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Other Foods Condemned

	lbs.	ozs.
Boneless Ham	1	0
Beef (approx.)	140	0
Chopped Pork	24	0
Pork Shoulder	10	14
Total	175	14

TABLE 17.—FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1962

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL
	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	lb
Actino Bacillosis	—	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	70
C. Bovis	—	204	—	35	—	—	—	—	239
Cirrhosis	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	25
Abscesses	—	359	—	36	—	3	—	—	398
Telangiectasis	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	14
Milk Spots	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	35
Bruising and Injuries	498	2	—	—	—	—	—	8	508
Parasites	—	300	—	80	—	29	—	24	433
Septicaemia	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—	500
Bacterial Necrosis	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	395	395
Jone's Disease	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
Angioma	—	143	—	34	—	—	—	—	177
Septic Peritonitis	—	5	—	—	90	—	—	—	95
Miscellaneous	—	20	—	—	—	7	—	—	27
TOTAL	593	1154	500	199	90	39	—	462	3037
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration	—	6523	—	1331	—	—	—	—	7854

All food was voluntarily surrendered and, after being coloured with acid green dye, was mostly disposed of to the Council's refuse tip.

Adulteration

Sampling of food, etc. for this purpose is undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Office and the District Inspector has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act in the Urban District during 1962.

Milk Samples	20
Foods other than milk	16

All the samples taken were reported to be genuine and no proceedings were instituted.

CLEAN AIR

One complaint of smoke nuisance was received during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Operator appointed jointly by Loftus U.D.C. and Skelton and Brotton U.D.C. has continued his duties in the two areas, and the arrangement has worked satisfactorily. The Council's sewers were treated twice, and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1962. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

Details of work done are set out below.

	Inspections	Treatments
Domestic Premises	32	56
Business Premises	—	14
Allotments	4	9
Farms	51	13
Council Tips and Buildings	1	6
Sewers	—	2
Building Sites	2	4
Schools	1	3

DISINFESTATIONS

Three infestations were dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are nine licensed sites in the area, although five of these relate to individual caravans.

70 visits were made to sites during the year.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

STOKELD & SONS
PRINTERS, GUISBOROUGH